

**To:** Brown, Randy[Brown03.Randy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mitre, Alfreda  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 11:24:56 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tribal Inquires Animas mine spill

Randy,  
Please read the string of emails. Apparently, we are to communicate through the incident command structure.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Mitre, Alfreda" <Mitre.Alfreda@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 11, 2015 at 5:21:32 PM MDT  
**To:** "Card, Joan" <Card.Joan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Tribal Inquires Animas mine spill

Will do.

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

I didn't respond. I suggest you tell him you're working through the incident command structure for now. Thanks Alfreda.

**From:** Mitre, Alfreda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:13 PM  
**To:** Card, Joan  
**Cc:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Subject:** Re: Tribal Inquires Animas mine spill

Joan,

Neither Randy or I responded to Bob, if he calls who should we refer him to? Or, have you responded to his email...

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 3:46 PM, Card, Joan <[Card.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Card.Joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Alfreda, Jared Blumenfeld is personally engaged on the Navajo issues, fyi.  
Please keep me or Shaun apprised as you engage tribal partners in Region 8 on this matter. Thanks. Joan

**From:** Horton, Robert [<mailto:rhorton@usgs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Gee, Randy; Mitre, Alfreda  
**Cc:** Card, Joan  
**Subject:** Tribal Inquires Animas mine spill

Randy and Alfreda, Bob Horton here.

I'm the USGS Southwest Region Tribal Liaison. The USGS has many projects and long term working arrangements with tribes in the SW Region. Several of our Centers and field offices are starting to get calls from our tribal partners regarding the Animas mine spill. Concerns are pretty much the same, what is in the water and when will it be safe to use? The tribes also are concerned about communication. I need to advise my staff on how to field these questions. It might be good if we liaisons discussed how to respond so we're not giving mixed signals.

I'm available this week, in between meetings and calls.

Regards,

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